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Official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

11:00 — 88th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

[webcast]

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items; Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: Commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination [items 7 (to reopen agenda item 70) and 70]

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 7 March 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Security Council

15:00 — 7652nd meeting — Security Council Chamber

[webcast]

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Burundi

Afternoon (to be held following the adjournment of the 7652nd meeting) — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Burundi

Other matters

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General Assembly

Seventieth session

15:00 — Economic and Social Council Chamber

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting on the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting to address the large movements of refugees and migrants on 19 September 2016.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 10 March 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 — 30th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [item 134]

Special political missions, thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys and special advisers of the Secretary-General: Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General (A/70/348/Add.8*, A/70/348/Add.8/Corr.1 and A/70/7/Add.47)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning (following the 30th meeting) to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 132 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Fifth progress report on the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat (A/70/668 and A/70/770*))

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Operational arrangements and conditions of service of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/544))

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

1. Budget for the Regional Service Centre in Entebbe, Uganda, for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017
2. Executive meeting

International Civil Service Commission

Eighty-second session

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 2

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 7

1. Programme of work of the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic extended pursuant to resolution 2262 (2016)
2. Other matters

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Commission on the Status of Women

Sixtieth session

10:00 to 13:00 11th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

15:00 to 18:00 12th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (E/CN.6/2016/2 and E/CN.6/2016/5) [item 3]

Continuation of the general discussion

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (*click here*). The list of side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission can be consulted by *clicking here*.]

Informal consultations

08:00 to 10:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room D

11:15 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room F

On the draft resolution entitled "Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS", convened by the delegations of Botswana and Madagascar (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC))

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 1

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 1

On the draft agreed conclusions on the priority theme of the Commission, convened by the facilitator (Germany)

13:15 to 14:30 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room D

On the draft resolution entitled "Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts", convened by the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan

Committee for Development Policy
Eighteenth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Fortieth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 18 March 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Other meetings

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Briefing series on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review of the General Assembly (co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-0310

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Meeting on "The 2015 Review of the United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Angola and Australia)

13:15 to 14:30	Conference Room 8
15:00 to 18:00	Conference Room 9

All permanent missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Gizem Sucuoglu, Secretariat to the Advisory Group on the Review of the Peacebuilding Architecture (e-mail sucuoglu@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5488).

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Press briefings

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

11:00	His Excellency Angelo Toriello, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sao Tome and Principe (on the occasion of the International Day of Happiness (20 March), will brief on the theme "Happiness and Well-being for People and the Planet in a Sustainable Future")
12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

10:00 4th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)).

Monday, 28 March to Thursday, 31 March 2016

In accordance with operative paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 70/216, the General Assembly will hold a preparatory meeting of experts for the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 March 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information, please *click here*.

Thursday, 21 April 2016

The General Assembly will hold a High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 December 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information on the event, please *click here*.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

Thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem
Tuesday, 19, Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 April 2016

Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the world drug problem. The thirtieth special session shall consist of a general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group. In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

For more information, please *click here*.

Second Committee

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

11:00 to 13:00 — Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal meeting convened by the co-facilitators (Australia and Rwanda) of the discussion on the organization of the agenda of the Second Committee.

Open-ended Working Group on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament

Informal consultations

Monday, 21 March 2016

10:00 to 11:30	Closed meeting With the Group of African States	Conference Room E
11:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting With the Group of Asia-Pacific States	Conference Room E

15:00 to 16:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room E
	With the Group of Eastern European States	
16:30 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E
	With the Group of Western European and other States	

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

Monday, 21 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

The draft format and draft annotated provisional agenda of the seventeenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions as annexes to the letter of invitation by the Co-Chairs of the seventeenth meeting.

The advance unedited reporting material on the topic of focus is available on the website of the Division (*click here*).

Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
Informal consultations

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

10:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 1

The open-ended informal consultations will be chaired by His Excellency E. Courtenay Rattray (Jamaica), in his capacity as the Chair-designate of the Sixth Biennial Meeting of States (BMS6) to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (scheduled 6-10 June 2016).

Twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Tuesday, 22 and Wednesday, 23 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/75 of 8 December 2015, the twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held.

Pursuant to paragraph 49 of the resolution, States, and entities referred to in article 1, paragraph 2 (b), of the Agreement, that are not parties to the Agreement, as well as relevant intergovernmental organizations, institutions, programmes, bodies and

specialized agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations are also invited to attend as observers.

The Informal Consultations will serve primarily as a preparatory meeting for the resumed Review Conference on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement to be held in New York from Monday, 23 to Friday, 27 May 2016, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 69/109 of 9 December 2014 and 70/75. Further information on the matter can be found on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs by *clicking here*.

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction
First session
(28 March-8 April 2016)

Monday, 28 March 2016

10:00 Conference Room 1

The provisional agenda and the provisional programme of work of the meeting are contained in documents A/AC.287/2016/PC.1/L.1 and A/AC.287/2016/PC.1/L.2. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Preparatory Committee, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the Preparatory Committee to the Division by *Thursday, 24 March 2016* (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact Ms. Charlotte Salpin, OLA (e-mail salpin@un.org).

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Disarmament Commission
2016 substantive session
(4-22 April 2016)

Monday, 4 April 2016

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session
(6-24 June 2016)

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information. The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Monday, 21 March 2016

10:00 Security Council Chamber

Open debate on "Prevention and resolution of conflicts in the Great Lakes region" in connection with the agenda item "Maintenance of international peace and security".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or email, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Security Council (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call at 1 (212) 963-5258. The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited by *clicking here*.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Informal informal consultations

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

15:00 Conference Room 8

Thursday, 24 March 2016

10:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal informal consultations on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), convened by the facilitator (Switzerland), on the scope and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here*.

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal informal consultations, on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), will be convened by the co-facilitators (Benin and Croatia) for the preparation of the draft outcome of the forum on financing for development follow-up. For more information, please *click here*.

Special meeting on inequality

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

In the context of Goal-10 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting on inequality chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea). The special meeting will comprise of interactive panel discussions. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes*.

Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the special meeting (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org *no later than* noon on Monday, 28 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more details on the special meeting on inequality, please contact Mr. Philipp Erfurth, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail erfurth@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4938). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Partnership Forum

Thursday, 31 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Partnership Forum on the theme "From commitments to results: Leveraging partnerships for the 2030 Agenda". The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited

seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Tuesday, 29 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the Chamber. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the Partnership Forum, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and management meeting

Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The coordination and management meeting will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Zimbabwe). The provisional programme for the meeting is available on the website of the Council (*click here*). For further information, please contact Mr. Marc-Andre Dorel, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail dorel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7204).

The *general discussion* of agenda item 18 (i) (Economic and environmental questions: cartography) will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 4 April. Requests for inscription on *the list of speakers* should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Inscription to the list of speakers will close *by 17:00, on Friday, 1 April 2016*. The time limit set for statements is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

The *elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments* (item 4), to fill vacancies in the membership of the subsidiary bodies of the Council will be held on Tuesday, 5 April. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2016/1/Add.1. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org).

For inclusion in the *list of participants* delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meeting to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are further advised that *only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2016 session of the Council*.

PaperSmart arrangements will be available for the duration of the 2016 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

Forum on financing for development follow-up

Monday, 18 April to Wednesday, 20 April 2016 Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/192 and Economic and Social Council decision 2016/210, the inaugural meeting of the forum will be convened by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea). Pursuant to Council decision 2016/211, the theme of the meeting will be "Financing for sustainable development: follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda".

The forum will include the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The forum will have universal, intergovernmental participation, utilizing the modalities of participation of the international conferences on financing for development.

Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office (*click here*). For further details, contact Ms. Dominika Halka, FFDO/Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

For *inclusion in the list of participants*, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the forum to the Acting Secretary of the Council, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; Room S-1281; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart arrangements will be offered as an additional service to the meetings of the forum. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and topic of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after its delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session

Monday, 21 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
	On the draft agreed conclusions on the priority theme of the Commission, convened by the facilitator (Germany)	

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 11:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9
	Organizational meeting	
11:00 to 13:00	1st meeting	Conference Room 9
	Kindly confirm your participation by replying to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org). All member delegations are invited to attend.	

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

15:00 to 17:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will hold a briefing on the substantive reports of the Secretary-General that have been prepared for the forty-ninth session of the Commission. The meeting will be chaired by Her Excellency Dr. Mwaba Patricia Kasese-Bota (Zambia), Chair of the Commission.

All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-ninth session
(11-15 April 2016)

Monday, 11 April 2016

10:00 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2016/1 and E/CN.9/2016/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session.

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 11 April 2016 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2016/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fiftieth session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fiftieth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-ninth session.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Monday, 21 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

A special event in celebration of the International Day of Forests and World Water Day. The theme of the event is "Forests and Water Sustain Life and Livelihoods".

The event will be comprised of an opening session followed by a panel discussion on forests, water and economic development and a general discussion on the theme "Forest and water are essential for the 2030 Agenda".

The list of speakers for the general discussion is *now open*. For inscription to this list, kindly submit, *in writing*, the full name and title of the speaker, to the Deputy Secretary of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

The deadline to inscribe on the list is *today*, 18 March 2016, by *17:00*. The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is *three minutes*. Please note that interpretation might not be available for this informal event.

For further information, please contact Ms. Mita Sen, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (tel. 1 (917) 367-5069; e-mail sen@un.org with copy to forests@un.org) or visit the website of the Forum Secretariat.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Monday, 21 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room D

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room D

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 9

Thursday, 24 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 9

Forthcoming other meetings

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Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Nowruz (21 March) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, India, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)

Monday, 21 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Mohammad Hassaninejad Pirkouhi, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran (e-mail iran@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 687-2020).

Event on "Planning, designing and building websites for permanent missions" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-310

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Briefing on "Demographic Dividend" (with the Executive Board members) (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA))

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 5D (UNFPA, 605 Third Avenue)

All Executive Board member delegations are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Imelda Katjomuise, UNFPA (e-mail katjomuise@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-4927).

Briefing on the outcomes of the "Conference on Marine Protected Areas: an urgent imperative" (held in Rome (7-9 March 2016) on the framework of the 10X20 Initiative) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy and the Ocean Sanctuary Alliance)

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

13:15 to 14:15 Conference Room E

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Valeria Biagiotti, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail scc.italyun@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5388).

Event entitled "Infrastructure Forum 2016: Discussion on preparations" (co-organized by the Asian Development Bank, European Investment Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, and the World Bank)

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room D

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lisa Johnson, World Bank (e-mail ljohnson3@worldbankgroup.org; tel. 1 (212) 317-4729).

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (A/RES/62/122 (25 March)) on the theme "Remember Slavery: Celebrating the Heritage and Culture of the African Diaspora and its Roots":

Panel discussion on "The Transatlantic Slave Trade: Constructing New Amistad, Bunce Island, Gullah, Maroon and Nova Scotia Bridges" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Jamaica, the Sierra Leone Monuments and Relics Commission and the United Nations Remember Slavery Programme, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

Thursday, 24 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Iris Max-Macarthy, Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone (e-mail sierraleoneun.pr@gmail.com; or Mr. Franklyn Fawundu (e-mail franklynfawundu@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 688-1656, ext. 14).

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 24 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Panel discussion on "The UNAOC Baku Global Forum Declaration" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 11

For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Event entitled "How financial inclusion strategies support inclusive growth: The role of country-level diagnostics and data" (organized the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF))

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Darah Aljoudar, UNCDF (e-mail darah.aljoudar@uncdf.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-5381).

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok.

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1.

For further information on the session, please *click here*.

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the *list of participants* are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Announcements

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene the high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement.

On this occasion, Parties to the UNFCCC will be provided with an opportunity to deliver national statements in parallel sessions, which will be held concurrently with the signing ceremony. In light of time constraints, the length of these statements should not exceed *three minutes*. Delegations wishing to deliver statements should approach Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063, copy to Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail muturi@un.org), at the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

Opening for signature
Friday, 22 April 2016

States and regional economic integration organizations intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony convened by the Secretary-General on 22 April 2016 are requested to send to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, as soon as possible and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale confirming their participation in the signature ceremony and indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their behalf. When needed, this communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three authorities.

Contacts: Ms. Dina Hamdy (e-mail hamdyd@un.org); or Ms. Hada Guevara (e-mail guevarah@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme

Member States are reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations to the 2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme is *Friday, 15 April 2016* (Note verbale ODA/01-2016/FP dated 4 January 2016). Only one nomination per Member State may be submitted and should be addressed to: The Coordinator, United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme, Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, Palais des Nations, Room C-113-1, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland. Nomination form and other attachments can be found by *clicking here*.

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region. The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116. The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here*); or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Eighth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14-16 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *March 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents (Spanish and English)

General Assembly documentation (Spanish)

Treaty research

Basic research on United Nations topics

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

In addition, the library will conduct lunch hour information sessions during the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (14 to 24 March 2016), in the Library (Room L-133). All permanent representatives, United Nations entities, and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited. No registration is necessary.

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

In order to provide timely access, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been made available electronically, in an advance unedited version, and can be accessed by *clicking here*.

The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; and His Excellency Olof Skoog, Chair of the Liberia configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission and Permanent Representative of Sweden.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Zarif, Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka and His Excellency Olof Skoog.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Liberia.

7650th meeting

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Security Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2016/1).

7651st meeting

The question concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (S/2016/225)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Peru and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Ms. Sandra Honoré, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency João Vale de Almeida, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Ms. Honoré.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, New Zealand, Uruguay, Spain, Egypt, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, Senegal, China, France, Japan, Malaysia and Ukraine; and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Angola.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Haiti, Mexico, Brazil and Peru (speaking on behalf of the Group of Friends of Haiti: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the United States, France, Guatemala, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Peru).

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Delegation of the European Union (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its member States; the candidate countries, Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania, the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Armenia, aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Guatemala, Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (speaking on behalf of the fourteen member States of the Caribbean Community).

Ms. Honoré made further remarks.

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

[archived video]

29th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [item 134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Revised estimates relating to the United Nations Monitoring Mechanism

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 under sections 27, Humanitarian assistance, and 36, Staff assessment: United Nations Monitoring Mechanism (A/70/726 and A/70/726/Corr.1).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/70/7/Add.46).

In the absence of speakers the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on the question just introduced would be held on that day, Thursday, 17 March, immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting, and would be coordinated by Mr. Manjunath Cheneerappa (India); followed by informal consultations on the question of progress on the implementation of a flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters, which would be coordinated by Ms. Dayna Hyppolite (Haiti).

The Chair further informed the Committee that informal consultations would be held on that day, Thursday, 17 March, in the afternoon, on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, in particular on the question of operational arrangements and conditions of service of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) which would be coordinated by Mr. Gert Auväärt (Estonia) and Rapporteur of the Committee; followed by informal consultations on agenda item 132 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, in particular on the question relating to the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat), which would be coordinated by Mr. Danny Rahdiansyah (Indonesia).

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session

[archived video]

9th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

(i) Priority theme: Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development

Expert panel discussion on "Key strategies for gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"

The Vice-Chair (Japan) made an opening statement and moderated the discussion.

Presentations were made by the following panellists: Ms. Olfa Soukri Cherif, Member of Parliament of Tunisia; Ms. Angela Brown-Burke, Mayor of Kingston, Jamaica; Ms. Michaela Bergman, Chief Counsellor for Social Issues and Director of Gender, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; Ms. Emma Kaliya, Chair of FEMNET-the African Women's Development and Communication Network, the SADC Gender Protocol Alliance and the NGO Gender Coordination Network in Malawi; and Ms. Rima Khalaf, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in Beirut.

An interactive discussion ensued, in which the representatives of Switzerland, Uganda, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, the Niger, Japan and the Sudan participated.

The observers of Italy, Norway, Estonia, Tunisia, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Chad, Honduras, Mexico and South Sudan participated.

The observer of the European Union also participated.

The representatives of the following non-government organizations in consultative with the Economic and Social Council also participated in the discussion: Federación Española de Mujeres Directivas Ejecutivas Profesionales y Empresarias (FEDEPE); Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW); Egyptian Centre for Women's Rights (ECWR); Education International; and Centro Regional de Derechos Humanos y Justicia de Género.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-Chair (Japan).

10th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives (E/CN.6/2016/3 and E/CN.6/2016/4)

(ii) Review theme: the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls

Expert panel discussion on "Addressing data gaps and methodology issues"

The Vice-Chair (Bosnia and Herzegovina) made an opening statement and moderated the discussion.

Presentations were made by the following panellists: Ms. Francesca Grum, Chief of the Social and Housing Statistics Section, United Nations Statistics Division; Dr. Irene Casique Rodríguez, Researcher at the Regional Center for Multidisciplinary Studies of the National Autonomous University of Mexico; and Ms. Ainur Dossanova, Chief Expert of the Division of Social and Demographic Statistics of the Committee for Statistics, Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

An interactive discussion ensued, in which the representatives of Switzerland, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Japan and the United States participated.

The observers of Chad, Morocco, Italy, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Philippines, Mexico, South Sudan and the Lao People's Democratic Republic participated.

The observer of the European Union also participated.

The representatives of the following non-government organizations in consultative with the Economic and Social Council also participated in the discussion: HelpAge International; Amnesty International; and the Global Vision India Foundation.

The Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, made a statement.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-Chair (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
United Republic of Tanzania
His Excellency Tuvako Nathaniel Manongi

Asia-Pacific States
Indonesia
His Excellency Muhammad Anshor
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States
Azerbaijan
His Excellency Yashar Aliyev

Latin American and Caribbean States
Antigua and Barbuda
His Excellency Walton Alfonso Webson

Western European and other States
Luxembourg
Her Excellency Sylvie Lucas

General Assembly

Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers*, delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications*, delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For *future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council* pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

Request for conference rooms and services at United Nations Headquarters

For reservation of conference rooms at United Nations Headquarters, please contact the Meeting Management Section/Central Planning and Coordination Division/Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (MMS/CPCD/DGACM) (e-mail e-meetsm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8114; or 1 (212) 963-7351).

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For access and security-related matters, please contact Lieutenant Malinda McCormack/DSS (e-mail mccormackm@un.org, or levyd@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7028);

For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For PaperSmart Portal matters, please contact the PaperSmart Team/DGACM (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

For media access and accreditation, please contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit/DPI (e-mail malu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6934);

For broadcast TV coverage, please contact Mr. David Woodie/DPI (e-mail woodie@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9399);

For webcasting and UN Web TV, please contact Mr. Andreas Damianou/DPI (e-mail damianou@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6733);

For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

For detailed information on the policies and procedures regarding the use of conference rooms, facilities and services at the United Nations Headquarters, please refer to document ST/AI/416.

Request for the use of the General Assembly Hall

The reservation of the General Assembly Hall is now managed by the Meeting Management Section, Central Planning and Coordination Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Requests for the use of the General Assembly Hall should be addressed to Mr. Xuesong Ma, Director, Central Planning and Coordination Division (e-mail max@un.org; Room S-1232).

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Useful *links* to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

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Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org.

An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

The *DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC)* located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the

work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

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These easy to use kiosks are located in the Delegates Lounge in the General Assembly Hall on the 2nd Floor and in the Vienna Café area in the Secretariat Building.

DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Thursday, 17 March 2016

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations http://documents.un.org in the electronic version of the present Journal.

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A/70/753	Item 152 — Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire — Budget for the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *50 pages*
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A/RES/70/84	Item 54 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 9 December 2015 — Persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
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Programme of meetings and agenda

Monday, 21 March 2016

Security Council

10:00 — 7653rd meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Maintenance of international peace and security

   Prevention and resolution of conflicts in the Great Lakes region

   Note verbale dated 8 March 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2016/223)

   Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region (S/2016/232)

[Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*.]

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 — 31st meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 3

1. Human Resources Management [item 139]

   Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules (A/70/746 and A/70/789)

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Introduction and general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [item 134]

Proposed United Nations Secretariat contribution to the United Nations Development Group cost-sharing arrangement for the resident coordinator system (A/70/703 and A/70/7/Add.48)

Introduction and general discussion

Construction and property management

Strategic capital review (A/70/697 and A/70/7/Add.43)

Capital/refurbishment/construction projects across the United Nations system organizations (A/70/368 and A/70/368/Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [item 146]

Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha Branch

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.27

Morning (following the 31st meeting) to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Construction and property management Strategic capital review (A/70/697* and A/70/7/Add.43) Capital/refurbishment/construction projects across the United Nations system organizations (A/70/368 and A/70/368/Add.1))	
15:00 to 15:30	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 139 (Human resources management: Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules (A/70/746 and A/70/789))	
15:30 to 16:45	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Special political missions: Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys and special advisers of the Secretary-General: Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General (A/70/348/Add.8*, A/70/348/Add.8/Corr.1 and A/70/7/Add.47))	
16:45 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Proposed United Nations Secretariat contribution to the United Nations Development Group cost-sharing arrangement for the resident coordinator system (A/70/703 and A/70/7/Add.48))	

Open-ended Working Group on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament

Informal consultations

10:00 to 11:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room E
	With the Group of African States	

11:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E
	With the Group of Asia-Pacific States	
15:00 to 16:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room E
	With the Group of Eastern European States	
16:30 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E
	With the Group of Western European and other States	

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

The draft format and draft annotated provisional agenda of the seventeenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions as annexes to the letter of invitation by the Co-Chairs of the seventeenth meeting.

The advance unedited reporting material on the topic of focus is available on the website of the Division *(click here)*.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
2. Support account for peacekeeping operations
3. Executive meeting

Economic and Social Council
2016 session

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session

Informal consultations

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

On the draft agreed conclusions on the priority theme of the Commission, convened by the facilitator (Germany)

13:15 to 14:30 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room B

On the draft resolution on the multi-year programme of work of the Commission on the Status of Women

United Nations Forum on Forests

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Joint celebration of the International Day of Forests and World Water Day [webcast]

Theme: "Forests and Water Sustain Life and Livelihoods"

Opening statements

Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

His Excellency Jürg Lauber (Switzerland), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council

His Excellency Per Thöresson, Deputy Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations

Mr. Manoel Sobral Filho, Director, United Nations Forum on Forests secretariat

Ms. Federica Pietracci, Interim Secretary of UN-Water

Screening of a film entitled "The Water Forest"

Panel on "Forests, Water and Economic Development"

Panellists

Professor Royal Gardner, Chair, Scientific and Technical Review Panel for the Ramsar Convention

Ms. Erika Svendsen, Research Social Scientist, United States Forest Service-NYC Urban Field Station

Mr. Bram Gunther, Co-Director, Urban Field Station, NYC Parks Department

Ms. Lila Karbassi, Chief, Environment, United Nations Global Compact

Ms. Sarah Davidson, World Wide Fund for Nature

General discussion on "Forest and Water are essential for the 2030 Agenda"

Closing remarks

[There will be free seating in the Economic and Social Council Chamber for this event. Delegations are kindly requested to inform the conference officers upon arrival in the Chamber of their preferred seat in order to activate their electronic nameplates. For further information on the event, please *click here*.]

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Decade for Action on Nutrition" (under agenda item 15) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

09:00 to 09:45 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room D

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Briefing on the Sustainable Development Goals in particular the implementation of the Global Strategy on Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Haiti, Kenya and Zambia, in partnership with CMMB-Healthier Lives Worldwide) [webcast]

15:00 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Patrick Saint-Hilaire, Permanent Mission of Haiti (tel. 1 (917) 561-1275).

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

International Criminal Court: Working Group on Amendments of the Assembly

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Nowruz (21 March) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, India, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Mohammad Hassaninejad Pirkouhi, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran (e-mail iran@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 687-2020).

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

10:00 4th meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)).

Monday, 28 March to Thursday, 31 March 2016 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with operative paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 70/216, the General Assembly will hold a preparatory meeting of experts for the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 March 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information, please *click here*.

Thursday, 21 April 2016

The General Assembly will hold a High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 December 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information on the event, please *click here*. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

Thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem
Tuesday, 19, Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 April 2016

Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the world drug problem. The thirtieth special session shall consist of a general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group. In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

For more information, please *click here*.

Second Committee

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

11:00 to 13:00 — Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal meeting convened by the co-facilitators (Australia and Rwanda) of the discussion on the organization of the agenda of the Second Committee.

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
Informal consultations

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

10:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 1

The open-ended informal consultations will be chaired by His Excellency E. Courtenay Rattray (Jamaica), in his capacity as the Chair-designate of the Sixth Biennial Meeting of States (BMS6) to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (scheduled 6-10 June 2016).

Twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Tuesday, 22 and Wednesday, 23 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/75 of 8 December 2015, the twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held.

Pursuant to paragraph 49 of the resolution, States, and entities referred to in article 1, paragraph 2 (b), of the Agreement, that are not parties to the Agreement, as well as relevant intergovernmental organizations, institutions, programmes, bodies and specialized agencies, and relevant non-governmental organizations are also invited to attend as observers.

The Informal Consultations will serve primarily as a preparatory meeting for the resumed Review Conference on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement to be held in New York from Monday, 23 to Friday, 27 May 2016, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 69/109 of 9 December 2014 and 70/75. Further information on the matter can be found on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs by *clicking here*.

Delegations that have not yet done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the Informal Consultations to the Division as soon as possible (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction

First session
(28 March-8 April 2016)

Monday, 28 March 2016

10:00 Conference Room 1

The provisional agenda and the provisional programme of work of the meeting are contained in documents A/AC.287/2016/PC.1/L.1 and A/AC.287/2016/PC.1/L.2. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Preparatory Committee, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the Preparatory Committee to the Division by *Thursday, 24 March 2016* (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact Ms. Charlotte Salpin, OLA (e-mail salpin@un.org).

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Open-ended Working Group on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament
First substantive session

Monday, 28 March to Friday, 1 April 2016 Conference Room 4

Disarmament Commission
2016 substantive session
(4-22 April 2016)

Monday, 4 April 2016

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session
(6-24 June 2016)

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information. The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Informal informal consultations

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

15:00 Conference Room 8

Thursday, 24 March 2016

10:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal informal consultations on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), convened by the facilitator (Switzerland), on the scope and

methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here*.

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal informal consultations, on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), will be convened by the co-facilitators (Benin and Croatia) for the preparation of the draft outcome of the forum on financing for development follow-up. For more information, please *click here*.

Special meeting on inequality

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

In the context of Goal-10 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting on inequality chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea). The special meeting will comprise of interactive panel discussions. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to ***three minutes***.

Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the special meeting (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org *no later than* noon on Monday, 28 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more details on the special meeting on inequality, please contact Mr. Philipp Erfurth, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail erfurth@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4938). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Partnership Forum

Thursday, 31 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Partnership Forum on the theme "From commitments to results: Leveraging partnerships for the 2030 Agenda". The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited

seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Tuesday, 29 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the Chamber. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the Partnership Forum, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and management meeting

Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The coordination and management meeting will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Zimbabwe). The provisional programme for the meeting is available on the website of the Council (*click here*). For further information, please contact Mr. Marc-Andre Dorel, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail dorel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7204).

The *general discussion* of agenda item 18 (i) (Economic and environmental questions: cartography) will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 4 April. Requests for inscription on *the list of speakers* should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Inscription to the list of speakers will close *by 17:00, on Friday, 1 April 2016*. The time limit set for statements is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

The *elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments* (item 4) to fill vacancies in the membership of the subsidiary bodies of the Council will be held on Tuesday, 5 April. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2016/1/Add.1. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org).

For inclusion in the *list of participants* delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meeting to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are further advised that *only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2016 session of the Council*.

PaperSmart arrangements will be available for the duration of the 2016 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

Forum on financing for development follow-up

Monday, 18 April to Wednesday, 20 April 2016 Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/192 and Economic and Social Council decision 2016/210, the inaugural meeting of the forum will be convened by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea). Pursuant to Council decision 2016/211, the theme of the meeting will be "Financing for sustainable development: follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda".

The forum will include the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The forum will have universal, intergovernmental participation, utilizing the modalities of participation of the international conferences on financing for development.

Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office (*click here*). For further details, contact Ms. Dominika Halka, FFDO/Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

For *inclusion in the list of participants*, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the forum to the Acting Secretary of the Council, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; Room S-1281; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart arrangements will be offered as an additional service to the meetings of the forum. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and topic of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after its delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 11:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9
	Organizational meeting	
11:00 to 13:00	1st meeting	Conference Room 9

Kindly confirm your participation by replying to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org). All member delegations are invited to attend.

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

15:00 to 17:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will hold a briefing on the substantive reports of the Secretary-General that have been prepared for the forty-ninth session of

the Commission. The meeting will be chaired by Her Excellency Dr. Mwaba Patricia Kasese-Bota (Zambia), Chair of the Commission.

All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-ninth session
(11-15 April 2016)

Monday, 11 April 2016

10:00 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2016/1 and E/CN.9/2016/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 11 April 2016 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2016/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fiftieth session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fiftieth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-ninth session.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room D

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 9

Thursday, 24 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 78) (convened by the Permanent Mission the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 12

Forthcoming other meetings

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Event on "Planning, designing and building websites for permanent missions" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-310

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Briefing on "Demographic Dividend" (with the Executive Board members) (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA))

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 5D (UNFPA, 605 Third Avenue)

All Executive Board member delegations are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Imelda Katjomuise, UNFPA (e-mail katjomuise@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-4927).

Briefing on the outcomes of the "Conference on Marine Protected Areas: an urgent imperative" (held in Rome (7-9 March 2016) on the framework of the 10X20 Initiative) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy and the Ocean Sanctuary Alliance)

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

13:15 to 14:15 Conference Room E

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Valeria Biagiotti, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail sec.italyun@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5388).

Event entitled "Infrastructure Forum 2016: Discussion on preparations" (co-organized by the Asian Development Bank, European Investment Bank, Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank)

Tuesday, 22 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room D

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lisa Johnson, World Bank (e-mail ljohnson3@worldbankgroup.org; tel. 1 (212) 317-4729).

Briefing on "The Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG 7) - New Strategy for Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) and Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on SDG 7" (by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All initiative) (organized by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG))

Thursday, 24 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Jonas von Freiesleben, EOSG (e-mail freiesleben@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1660).

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (A/RES/62/122 (25 March)) on the theme "Remember Slavery: Celebrating the Heritage and Culture of the African Diaspora and its Roots":

Panel discussion on "The Transatlantic Slave Trade: Constructing New Amistad, Bunce Island, Gullah, Maroon and Nova Scotia Bridges" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Jamaica, the Sierra Leone Monuments and Relics Commission and the United Nations Remember Slavery Programme, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

Thursday, 24 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Iris Max-Macarthy, Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone (e-mail sierraleoneun.pr@gmail.com; or Mr. Franklyn Fawundu (e-mail franklynfawundu@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 688-1656, ext. 14).

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 24 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Special event on "Raising awareness and building resilience to disasters – experience from Japan" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

12:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Maury Guadalupe, Permanent Mission of Japan (e-mail maury.guadalupe@dn.mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1582).

Panel discussion on "The UNAOC Baku Global Forum Declaration" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 11

For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Event entitled "How financial inclusion strategies support inclusive growth: The role of country-level diagnostics and data" (organized the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF))

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Darah Aljoudar, UNCDF (e-mail darah.aljoudar@uncdf.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-5381).

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

World Humanitarian Summit
Istanbul, Turkey, 23-24 May 2016

The Secretary-General will convene the first World Humanitarian Summit from Monday, 23 to Tuesday, 24 May 2016, in Istanbul, Turkey. For more information on the Summit, please *click here*. Representatives of Member States and Observers of the General Assembly wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers for the plenary session entitled "Member States and other Stakeholders' Announcement Plenary" can contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082; with copy to muturi@un.org). Statements in the Announcement Plenary should not exceed *three minutes*.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok.

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1. For further information on the session, please *click here*.

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the *list of participants* are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Announcements

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene the high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement.

On this occasion, Parties to the UNFCCC will be provided with an opportunity to deliver national statements in parallel sessions, which will be held concurrently with the signing ceremony. In light of time constraints, the length of these statements should not exceed *three minutes*. Delegations wishing to deliver statements should approach Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063, copy to Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail muturi@un.org), at the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

Opening for signature
Friday, 22 April 2016

States and regional economic integration organizations intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony convened by the Secretary-General on 22 April 2016 are requested to send to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, as soon as possible and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale confirming their participation in the signature ceremony and indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their behalf. When needed, this communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three authorities.

Contacts: Ms. Dina Hamdy (e-mail hamdyd@un.org); or Ms. Hada Guevara (e-mail guevarah@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme

Member States are reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations to the 2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme is *Friday, 15 April 2016* (Note verbale ODA/01-2016/FP dated 4 January 2016). Only one nomination per Member State may be submitted and should be addressed to: The Coordinator, United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme, Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, Palais des Nations, Room C-113-1, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland. Nomination form and other attachments can be found by *clicking here*.

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region. The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116. The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here);* or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Eighth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14-16 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of

the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *March 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents

Basic research on United Nations topics

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

In addition, the library will conduct lunch hour information sessions during the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (14 to 24 March 2016), in the Library (Room L-133). All permanent representatives, United Nations entities, and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited. No registration is necessary.

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

In order to provide timely access, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been made available electronically, in an advance unedited version, and can be accessed by *clicking here*.

The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*.

For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 18 March 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7652nd meeting *The situation in Burundi*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Burundi and the United Republic of Tanzania to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the following individuals to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure: Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; and His Excellency Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland and Chair of the Burundi Configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by the Secretary-General, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon.

The Council heard briefings by Mr. Al Hussein and His Excellency Jürg Lauber.

The Council heard a briefing by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Chair of the East African Community).

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Alain Aimé Nyamitwe, Minister for External Relations and International Cooperation of Burundi.

General Assembly
Seventieth session

[archived video]

88th plenary meeting

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [item 7]

The General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 70.

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination [item 70]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 70 to hold the commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/140 of 17 December 2015, Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, made a statement.

The General Assembly decided, without setting a precedent, to invite Mr. Ahmed Reid, member of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent of the Human Rights Council, to make a statement at the meeting.

In accordance with the decision just taken, Mr. Ahmed Reid made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the African States), Indonesia (on behalf of the Asia-Pacific States), Azerbaijan (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Luxembourg (on behalf of the Western European and other States), Kazakhstan, South Africa, the Netherlands, Bangladesh, Kyrgyzstan and the Russian Federation.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 70.

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

[archived video]

30th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [item 134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Special political missions: thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys and special advisers of the Secretary-General: Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, in particular on thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys and special advisers of the Secretary-General: Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General (A/70/348/Add.8* and A/70/348/Add.8/Corr.1).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/70/7/Add.47).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the African Group) and the European Union (on behalf of the members of the European Union).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts responded to the questions raised.

The representatives of Cuba and the United Republic of Tanzania made remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this issue at this stage.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this issue would be held as reflected in the programme of work and would be coordinated by Mr. Scott-Marshall Harper (Australia).

The Chair also informed the Committee that informal consultations would be held on that day, Friday, 18 March, immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting on agenda item 132 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations), in particular on the question relating to the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat, and would be coordinated by Mr. Danny Rahdiansyah (Indonesia).

The Chair further informed the Committee that informal consultations would be held on that day, Friday, 18 March, in the afternoon, on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017), in particular on the question of operational arrangements and conditions of service of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and would be coordinated by Mr. Gert Auväärt (Estonia), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session

[archived video]

11th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

The Commission continued its general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Niger, Lesotho, Colombia, Uruguay, Ecuador and the Sudan.

Statements were also made by the observers of Romania, Sierra Leone, Georgia, Australia, Greece, Malaysia, Burundi, Italy, New Zealand, Samoa, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Eritrea, the Marshall Islands, Slovakia, Turkey, Panama, Seychelles, Rwanda, Malta, Lebanon, Libya, Maldives, Cameroon and Cyprus.

The representative of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

12th meeting

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

The Commission continued its general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Tajikistan, and the United States.

Statements were also made by the observers of Armenia, Bulgaria, Myanmar, Cabo Verde, Jamaica, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Croatia, Iraq, Andorra, Ireland, Togo, Tuvalu and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The observer for the Holy See also made a statement.

Statements were made by the observers of the League of Arab States, the African Union, the International Olympic Committee, and the International Development Law Organization.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the World Health Organization and the Economic Commission for Africa (also on behalf of the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia).

The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, also participated in the dialogue: International Association for Media and Communication Research; Fundación para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer; International Trade Union Confederation; the Presbyterian Church; the International Federation for Home Economics; Women for Women's Human Rights: New Ways; Association for Women's Rights in Development; Widows for Peace through Democracy; and the Pacific Disability Forum.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notifications under article 4 (3): Peru (17 March 2016)

International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. New York, 13 April 2005

Ratification: New Zealand (18 March 2016)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
United Republic of Tanzania
His Excellency Tuvako Nathaniel Manongi

Asia-Pacific States
Indonesia
His Excellency Muhammad Anshor
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States
Azerbaijan
His Excellency Yashar Aliyev

Latin American and Caribbean States
Antigua and Barbuda
His Excellency Walton Alfonso Webson

Western European and other States
Luxembourg
Her Excellency Sylvie Lucas

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers*, delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications*, delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the

agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For *future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council* pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

Request for conference rooms and services at United Nations Headquarters

For reservation of conference rooms at United Nations Headquarters, please contact the Meeting Management Section/Central Planning and Coordination Division/Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (MMS/CPCD/DGACM) (e-mail e-meetsm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8114; or 1 (212) 963-7351).

After a conference room has been assigned in eMeets, please contact the following offices if other services are also needed:

For access and security-related matters, please contact Lieutenant Malinda McCormack/DSS (e-mail mccormackm@un.org, or levyd@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7028);

For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For PaperSmart Portal matters, please contact the PaperSmart Team/DGACM (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

For media access and accreditation, please contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit/DPI (e-mail malu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6934);

For broadcast TV coverage, please contact Mr. David Woodie/DPI (e-mail woodie@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9399);

For webcasting and UN Web TV, please contact Mr. Andreas Damianou/DPI (e-mail damianou@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6733);

For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

For detailed information on the policies and procedures regarding the use of conference rooms, facilities and services at the United Nations Headquarters, please refer to document ST/AI/416.

Request for the use of the General Assembly Hall

The reservation of the General Assembly Hall is now managed by the Meeting Management Section, Central Planning and Coordination Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Requests for the use of the General Assembly Hall should be addressed to Mr. Xuesong Ma, Director, Central Planning and Coordination Division (e-mail max@un.org; Room S-1232).

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Useful *links* to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

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Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org.

An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the

subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

The *DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC)* located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the Presidency

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*

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Kindly take note that the English and French versions of the *Journal* are accessible to blind and visually impaired users via screen readers.

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	Adviser to the Secretary-General — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*
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	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
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A/AC.182/2016/INF/1	List of participants [E (only)] — *8 pages*

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S/2016/10/Add.11 Summary statement by the Secretary-General of matters of which the Security Council is seized and of the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

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A/70/782–S/2016/240 Letter dated 10 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

S/2016/242 Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 19 November 2015 to 29 February 2016 [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*

S/2016/243 Letter dated 15 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

S/2016/246 Note by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

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S/AC.47/2016/1 Note verbale dated 3 March 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Monaco to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

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General Assembly

Seventieth session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

10:00 — 4th meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 13 January 2016 and 18 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)).

Second Committee

11:00 to 13:00 — Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal meeting convened by the co-facilitators (Australia and Rwanda) of the discussion on the organization of the agenda of the Second Committee

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Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 11:30	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Proposed United Nations Secretariat contribution to the United Nations Development Group cost-sharing arrangement for the resident coordinator system (A/70/703 and A/70/7/Add.48))	
11:30 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Construction and property management: Progress on the implementation of a flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters (A/70/708 and A/70/7/Add.45))	
15:00 to 15:45	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 139 (Human resources management: Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules (A/70/746 and A/70/789))	
15:45 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: special political missions:	
	Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys and special advisers of the Secretary-General: Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General (A/70/348/Add.8*, A/70/348/Add.8/Corr.1 and A/70/7/Add.47)	
	Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels: Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities (A/70/348/Add.9 and A/70/7/Add.44)	
	Review of arrangements for funding and backstopping special political missions (A/66/340 and A/66/7/Add.21))	

Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
Informal consultations

10:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1
	The open-ended informal consultations will be chaired by His Excellency E. Courtenay Rattray (Jamaica), in his capacity as the Chair-designate of the Sixth Biennial Meeting of States (BMS6) to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (scheduled 6-10 June 2016).	

Twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 2

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/75 of 8 December 2015, the twelfth round of Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement will be held.

The provisional agenda of the Informal Consultations is available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

15:00 to 19:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia
2. Executive meeting

Security Council

Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

15:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Informal informal consultations

15:00 Conference Room 8

Informal informal consultations on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), convened by the facilitator (Switzerland), on the scope and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here*.

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 4

15:00 to 18:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 4

On the draft agreed conclusions on the priority theme of the Commission, convened by the facilitator (Germany)

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

15:00 to 17:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will hold a briefing on the substantive reports of the Secretary-General that have been prepared for the forty-ninth session of the Commission. The meeting will be chaired by Her Excellency Dr. Mwaba Patricia Kasese-Bota (Zambia), Chair of the Commission.

All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Decade for Action on Nutrition" (under agenda item 15) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

09:00 to 10:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room D

Other meetings

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Event on "Planning, designing and building websites for permanent missions" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room S-310

For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Group of 77 (on the Commission on Population and Development)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Oceans and the Law of the Sea)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Arab Group (Second Committee experts)

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Briefing on "Demographic Dividend" (with the Executive Board members) (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA))

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 5D (UNFPA, 605 Third Avenue)

All Executive Board member delegations are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Imelda Katjomuise, UNFPA (e-mail katjomuise@unfpa.org; tel. 1 (212) 297-4927).

Briefing on the outcomes of the "Conference on Marine Protected Areas: an urgent imperative" (held in Rome (7-9 March 2016) on the framework of the 10X20 Initiative) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy and the Ocean Sanctuary Alliance)

13:15 to 14:15 Conference Room E

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Valeria Biagiotti, Permanent Mission of Italy (e-mail sec.italyun@esteri.it; tel. 1 (646) 840-5388).

Event entitled "Infrastructure Forum 2016: Discussion on preparations" (co-organized by the Asian Development Bank, European Investment Bank, Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank)

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room D

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lisa Johnson, World Bank (e-mail ljohnson3@worldbankgroup.org; tel. 1 (212) 317-4729).

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (on the establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin American and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room E

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Monday, 28 March to Thursday, 31 March 2016 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with operative paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 70/216, the General Assembly will hold a preparatory meeting of experts for the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 March 2016 and 18 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information, please *click here*.

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

10:00 — Conference Room 11

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting on the follow-up and review at the global level of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 March 2016 and 17 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

15:00 — General Assembly Hall

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting to consider agenda item 118 (Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade).

Thursday, 21 April 2016

The General Assembly will hold a High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 December 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information on the event, please *click here*.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

Thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem
Tuesday, 19, Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 April 2016

Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the world drug problem. The thirtieth special session shall consist of a general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group. In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

For more information, please *click here*.

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction
First session
(28 March-8 April 2016)

Monday, 28 March 2016

10:00 Conference Room 1

The provisional agenda and the provisional programme of work of the meeting are contained in documents A/AC.287/2016/PC.1/L.1 and A/AC.287/2016/PC.1/L.2. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Preparatory Committee,

are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the Preparatory Committee to the Division by *Thursday, 24 March 2016* (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact Ms. Charlotte Salpin, OLA (e-mail salpin@un.org).

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Open-ended Working Group on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament
First substantive session

Monday, 28 March to Friday, 1 April 2016 Conference Room 4

Disarmament Commission
2016 substantive session
(4-22 April 2016)

Monday, 4 April 2016

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session
(6-24 June 2016)

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information. The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Monday, 28 March 2016

10:00 Security Council Chamber

Open debate on "The role of women in conflict prevention and resolution in Africa" in connection with the agenda item "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406), starting *today*, 22 March 2016. Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or email, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting. Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Security Council (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call at 1 (212) 963-5258. The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited by *clicking here*.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Informal informal consultations

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal informal consultations, on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), will be convened by the co-facilitators (Benin and Croatia) for the preparation of the draft outcome of the forum on financing for development follow-up. For more information, please *click here*.

Thursday, 24 March 2016

10:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal informal consultations on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), convened by the facilitator (Switzerland), on the scope and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here*.

Special meeting on inequality

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

In the context of Goal-10 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting on inequality chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea). The special meeting will comprise of

interactive panel discussions. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes*.

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the special meeting (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org *no later than* noon on Monday, 28 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more details on the special meeting on inequality, please contact Mr. Philipp Erfurth, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail erfurth@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4938). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Partnership Forum

Thursday, 31 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Partnership Forum on the theme "From commitments to results: Leveraging partnerships for the 2030 Agenda". The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Tuesday, 29 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the Chamber. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the Partnership Forum, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and management meeting

Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The coordination and management meeting will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Zimbabwe). The provisional programme for the meeting is available on the website of the Council (*click here*). For further information, please contact Mr. Marc-Andre Dorel, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail dorel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7204).

The *general discussion* of agenda item 18 (i) (Economic and environmental questions: cartography) will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 4 April. Requests for inscription on *the list of speakers* should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Inscription to the list of speakers will close *by 17:00, on Friday, 1 April 2016*. The time limit set for statements is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

The *elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments* (item 4) to fill vacancies in the membership of the subsidiary bodies of the Council will be held on Tuesday, 5 April. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2016/1/Add.1. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org).

For inclusion in the *list of participants* delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meeting to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are further advised that *only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2016 session of the Council*.

PaperSmart arrangements will be available for the duration of the 2016 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

Forum on financing for development follow-up

Monday, 18 April to Wednesday, 20 April 2016 Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/192 and Economic and Social Council decision 2016/210, the inaugural meeting of the forum will be convened by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea). Pursuant to Council decision 2016/211, the theme of the meeting will be "Financing for sustainable development: follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda".

The forum will include the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The forum will have universal, intergovernmental participation, utilizing the modalities of participation of the international conferences on financing for development.

Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office (*click here*). For further details, contact Ms. Dominika Halka, FFDO/Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

For *inclusion in the list of participants*, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the forum to the Acting Secretary of the Council, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org;

Room S-1281; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart arrangements will be offered as an additional service to the meetings of the forum. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and topic of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after its delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 11:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9
	Organizational meeting	
11:00 to 13:00	1st meeting	Conference Room 9

Kindly confirm your participation by replying to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org). All member delegations are invited to attend.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-ninth session
(11-15 April 2016)

Monday, 11 April 2016

10:00 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2016/1 and E/CN.9/2016/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 11 April 2016 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2016/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Information on *side events*, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission can be accessed by *clicking here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fiftieth session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fiftieth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-ninth session.

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Informal consultation

Monday, 28 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 5

Informal consultation on the Midterm Review of the Strategic Plan and Integrated Budget with the Executive Board Members. All interested members of delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 9

Thursday, 24 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 78) (convened by the Permanent Mission the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 12

Forthcoming other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are open unless otherwise indicated.

Briefing on "The Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG 7) - New Strategy for Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) and Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on SDG 7" (by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All) (organized by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG))

Thursday, 24 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Jonas von Freiesleben, EOSG (e-mail freiesleben@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1660).

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (A/RES/62/122 (25 March)) on the theme "Remember Slavery: Celebrating the Heritage and Culture of the African Diaspora and its Roots":

Panel discussion on "The Transatlantic Slave Trade: Constructing New Amistad, Bunce Island, Gullah, Maroon and Nova Scotia Bridges" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Jamaica, the Sierra Leone Monuments and Relics Commission and the United Nations Remember Slavery Programme, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

Thursday, 24 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Iris Max-Macarthy, Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone (e-mail sierraleoneun.pr@gmail.com; or Mr. Franklyn Fawundu (e-mail franklynfawundu@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 688-1656, ext. 14).

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 24 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Special event on "Raising awareness and building resilience to disasters – experience from Japan" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

12:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Maury Guadalupe, Permanent Mission of Japan (e-mail maury.guadalupe@dn.mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1582).

Panel discussion on "The UNAOC Baku Global Forum Declaration" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 11

For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Event entitled "How financial inclusion strategies support inclusive growth: The role of country-level diagnostics and data" (organized the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF))

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Darah Aljoudar, UNCDF (e-mail darah.aljoudar@uncdf.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-5381).

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

World Humanitarian Summit
Istanbul, Turkey, 23-24 May 2016

The Secretary-General will convene the first World Humanitarian Summit from Monday, 23 to Tuesday, 24 May 2016, in Istanbul, Turkey. For more information on the Summit, please *click here*. Representatives of Member States and Observers of the General Assembly wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers for the plenary session entitled "Member States and other Stakeholders' Announcement Plenary" can contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082; with copy to muturi@un.org). Statements in the Announcement Plenary should not exceed *three minutes*.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok.

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1. For further information on the session, please *click here*.

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the *list of participants* are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Announcements

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene the high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement.

On this occasion, Parties to the UNFCCC will be provided with an opportunity to deliver national statements in parallel sessions, which will be held concurrently with the signing ceremony. In light of time constraints, the length of these statements should not exceed *three minutes*. Delegations wishing to deliver statements should approach Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063, copy to Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail muturi@un.org), at the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

Opening for signature
Friday, 22 April 2016

States and regional economic integration organizations intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony convened by the Secretary-General on 22 April 2016 are requested to send to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, as soon as possible and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale confirming their participation in the signature ceremony and indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their behalf. When needed, this communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to

produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three authorities.

Contacts: Ms. Dina Hamdy (e-mail hamdyd@un.org); or Ms. Hada Guevara (e-mail guevarah@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs recently added the following lectures to the Lecture Series of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) website: Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice — "Whaling: the Gordian Knot of International Law" and Professor Antonios Tzanakopoulos — "Domestic Courts in International Law". All interested parties are invited to visit the website, please *click here* to access the lectures.

2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme

Member States are reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations to the 2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme is *Friday, 15 April 2016* (Note verbale ODA/01-2016/FP dated 4 January 2016). Only one nomination per Member State may be submitted and should be addressed to: The Coordinator, United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme, Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, Palais des Nations, Room C-113-1, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland. Nomination form and other attachments can be found by *clicking here*.

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region. The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116. The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here);* or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Eighth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14-16 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *March 2016*.

Introduction to United Nations documents

Basic research on United Nations topics

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

In addition, the library will conduct lunch hour information sessions during the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (14 to 24 March 2016), in the Library (Room L-133). All permanent representatives, United Nations entities, and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited. No registration is necessary.

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

In order to provide timely access, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been made available electronically, in an advance unedited version, and can be accessed by *clicking here*.

The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*.

For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the

framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 21 March 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7653rd meeting

Maintenance of international peace and security

Prevention and resolution of conflicts in the Great Lakes region

Note verbale dated 8 March 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2016/223)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Peace, Security and Cooperation Framework for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Region (S/2016/232)

The meeting was presided over by His Excellency Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti, Minister for External Relations of Angola, in his capacity as the President of the Security Council.

The agenda was adopted without objection

The President invited the representatives of Albania, Algeria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia, Germany, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Morocco, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Rwanda, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and Thailand, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Said Djinnit, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes region; Mr. Smail Chergui, Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union to the United Nations; and Mr. Vijay Pillai, Adviser in the Office of the Vice-President of the Africa region of the World Bank, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Koen Vervaeke, Managing Director for Africa of the European External Action Service of the European Union and Mr. Pascal Couchepin Roger, Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the International Organization of the Francophonie for the Great Lakes region, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing by the Secretary-General, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon.

The Council heard briefings by Mr. Djinnit, Mr. Chergui and Mr. Pillai.

The President made a statement in his capacity as the Minister for External Relations of Angola.

Statements were made by Her Excellency Samantha Power, Permanent Representative of the United States and Member of President Obama's Cabinet; His Excellency Ignacio Ybáñez, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain; His Excellency James Duddridge, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom. Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, New Zealand, Egypt, France, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Senegal, Japan, the Russian Federation, Uruguay, China and Ukraine.

The Council heard statements by His Excellency Alain Aimé Nyamitwe, Minister for External Relations and International Cooperation of Burundi; His Excellency Augusto Ernesto dos Santos Silva, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal; His Excellency Raymond Tshibanda N'Tungamulongo, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; His Excellency Eugène-Richard Gasana, Minister of State for Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda; Her Excellency Nosiviwe Noluthando Mapisa-Nqakula, Minister of Defense and Military Veterans of South Africa, and Her Excellency Annika Söder, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden).

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Italy.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Brazil.

The Council heard a statement by Mr. Koen Vervaeke, Managing Director for Africa and European External Action Service (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its member States; the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania; the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the EFTA country Liechtenstein, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia, which aligned themselves with this statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Belgium, Australia, Switzerland, Kazakhstan, the Netherlands, Canada and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement).

The Council heard a statement by Mr. Pascal Couchepin Roger, Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the International Organization of the Francophonie for the Great Lakes Region.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Georgia, the Republic of Korea, Morocco, Germany, Poland, Ireland, Albania and Thailand.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

[archived video]

31st meeting

Human resources management [item 139]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules

The Officer-in-Charge, Office of Human Resources Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General on amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules (A/70/746).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/70/789).

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question at this stage.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held on that day, Monday, 21 March in the afternoon and would be coordinated by Mr. David Karlsson (Sweden).

Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [item 134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Resident coordinator system

The Director, Programme Planning and Budget Division, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed United Nations Secretariat contribution to the United Nations Development Group cost-sharing arrangement for the resident coordinator system (A/70/703).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/70/7/Add.48).

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held on that day, Monday, 21 March, in the afternoon, and would be coordinated by Mr. Olivio Fermin (Dominican Republic).

Construction and property management: Strategic capital review and Capital/refurbishment/construction projects across the United Nations system organizations

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the strategic capital review (A/70/697).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/70/7/Add.43).

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on capital/refurbishment/ construction projects across the United Nations system organizations (A/70/368), as well as his comments and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon (A/70/368/Add.1).

The attention of the Committee was also drawn to statements by Inspector Jean Wesley Cazeau of the Joint Inspection Unit and by the Senior Adviser on Information Management Policy Coordination, Secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

The representative of Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on these questions.

The Vice-Chair (Guatemala) informed the Committee that informal consultations on these questions would be held on that day, Monday, 21 March, immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting, and would be coordinated by Mr. Lyle Patrick Davidson (South Africa).

Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [item 146]

Construction of a new facility for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Arusha branch

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.27, which had been coordinated by the representative of Mexico, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item and the Vice-Chair (Guatemala) requested the Rapporteur to report directly thereon to the General Assembly.

The Vice-Chair (Guatemala) informed the Committee that informal consultations would be held on that day, Monday, 21 March in the afternoon, on agenda item 139 (Human resources management), in particular on amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules; on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017), in particular on the question of special political missions, thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys and special advisers of the Secretary-General: Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General, and would be coordinated by Mr. Scott-Marshall Harper (Australia); and on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017), in particular on the resident coordinator system.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Sofia, 27 February 2001

Ratification: Serbia (21 March 2016)

Amendment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Cavtat, 4 June 2004

Ratification: Serbia (21 March 2016)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
United Republic of Tanzania
His Excellency Tuvako Nathaniel Manongi

Asia-Pacific States
Indonesia
His Excellency Muhammad Anshor
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States
Azerbaijan
His Excellency Yashar Aliyev

Latin American and Caribbean States
Antigua and Barbuda
His Excellency Walton Alfonso Webson

Western European and other States
Luxembourg
Her Excellency Sylvie Lucas

General Assembly

Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers*, delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications*, delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For *future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council* pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

Request for conference rooms and services at United Nations Headquarters

For reservation of conference rooms at United Nations Headquarters, please contact the Meeting Management Section/Central Planning and Coordination Division/Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (MMS/CPCD/DGACM) (e-mail e-meetsm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8114; or 1 (212) 963-7351).

After a conference room has been assigned in eMeets, please contact the following offices if other services are also needed:

For access and security-related matters, please contact Lieutenant Malinda McCormack/DSS (e-mail mccormackm@un.org, or levyd@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7028);

For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

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